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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
MAINTAINING SERVICE DEPENDENCY  
RELATIONSHIPS IN A COMPUTER  
SYSTEM

Examiner: J. R. Swearingen

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle Action dated March 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.